

## MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor and Council

FROM:

Watershed Protection Department

DATE:

August 25, 2017

SUBJECT:

Indefinite Postponement Request - Floodplain Variance for a Property at

7604 FM 969

The applicant for this site plan development is requesting an indefinite postponement of the following item from the September 28, 2017, City Council agenda:

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance regarding a floodplain variance for the construction of a church building and associated parking at 7604 FM 969 as requested by the owner of the property. The property is partially in the 25-year and 100-year floodplains of Walnut Creek. (District 1).

The applicant has redesigned the site plan to incorporate safe access out of the floodplain. This will be accomplished by a concrete sidewalk that directs people to the public right-of-way north of the property. This sidewalk will be in an access easement that the neighboring property owner has agreed to. Staff will ensure that these additions are shown appropriately in the site plan documents.

Therefore, this development will satisfy the floodplain regulations and no longer be requesting a floodplain variance from the safe access requirement. This addition to the site plan significantly reduces flood risk to the users of the property. Staff acknowledges that the applicant has worked very hard to get this accomplished.

Thank you for encouraging the applicant to pursue this revision that reduces flood risk to the public.

If you have any questions, please call Kevin Shunk, Floodplain Administrator, at 512-974-9176.

CC: Elaine Hart, Interim City Manager Joseph G. Pantalion, P.E., Acting Assistant City Manager